

# Transparency and Good Governance: A #YALIChat with Nancy Boswell, Jessica Tillipman and Ken O. Opalo

After teaching a course on Responsible Leadership Transparency and Good Governance, Nancy Boswell, Jessica Tillipman and Ken O. Opalo joined the YALI Network to answer questions and further the discussion on what individuals and communities can do to promote transparency in their country. While transparency and accountability are not easy to achieve, the instructors were able to highlight the best ways individuals can make an impact and inspire their communities.

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## Start Small and Work Together:

The best way to begin tackling this issue is by starting small: educate yourself on the problems in your country and work with others who share your goals.



The use of media outlets, especially social media can be vital tools to shine the light on corrupt leaders. Sites like [ipaidabribe.com](http://ipaidabribe.com) and [transparency.org](http://transparency.org) are incredibly helpful in getting started.



Education and a network of individuals can make a difference.



## Protection for Whistleblowers:

Protection for those who speak out against corrupt systems is a vital component to change. There should be laws in place to protect whistleblowers in order to create an environment where the people can speak freely against systems that lack transparency.



If laws are not in place, whistleblowers need to take caution in protecting their identities.

Tackling these issues is no simple task but there is hope for change. Communities need to come together and use the tools at their disposal to hold their governments accountable.

